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In re Application of: Itoh *et al.*
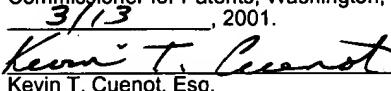
Application No.:   09/748,542   Group Art Unit:

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, COMPUTER SYSTEM AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR
      SPEECH RECOGNITION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants

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Office Action on the merits and, therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or

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The reference *Proceeding of the Fall Meeting of the Acoustical Society of Japan,*

A Study on Broadcast News Transcription, (1989) by Nishimura and Ito, cited on Form

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PTO-1449 is being submitted in Japanese. In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the reference generally discloses a concept called "transparent word" for processing disfluencies using an n-gram model. The transparent word concept calculates probabilities by ignoring disfluencies, either during learning or recognition. The model assumes that disfluencies appear between non-disfluency words with an equal probability.

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, Applicants also note that the remaining four references cited on Form PTO-1449 contain abstracts written in the English language.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the

Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of

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Respectfully submitted,

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